with great political possibilities. Mr. Payne is vice chairman of the republican national committee in rank, while in fact he is Chairman Hanna's right-hand man and adviser as well as colleague. In the last presidential campaign Mr. Payne's couns l was sought on all campaign ques-tions that came up for decision. If therefore, any importance attaches to the so-called "Hanna machine" Mr. Payne

is in a position to utilize its advantages. His selection by the President is expected by the politicians to put an end effectually to the last vestige of rumor that the President is trying to break down the Hanna machine.

Mr. Payne is devoted to Mr. Roosevelt and will back his policies. He regarded in political circles as Mr. Roose velt's closest friend in the west, and was looked to by all who were interesting themselves in Mr. Roosevelt's political fu-

It is pointed out by the politicians that Mr. Payne has been influential in republican politics longer than some who have more recently obtained possibly greater more recently prominence. He has been identified with national committee for twenty years and his whole career has been that of a

usiness man and politician. In his capacity of Postmaster General he will be brought closely in touch with the business interests of the country and with the political leaders of all the states. His department gets nearer to the politics of every section than any other under the exentive branch of the government. Mr. Payne is known among congressmen

and is well liked. He has a genial disposition, is quick, energetic and a man of wonderful executive capacity.

Announced Late Yesterday Afternoon. Official announcement was made late yesterday afternoon that Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia had tendered his resignation to President Roosevelt as Postmaster General; that the resignation had been accepted, and that Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin had been invited to enter the cabinet to fill the vacancy and would do so. Exactly when the change will take place not yet been determined upon, but it will be some time early in the coming year. Mr. Smith has agreed to remain as late as January 15, if necessary, and the name of Mr. Payne, who is well-known all over the United States, will be sent to the Senate immediately upon the convening of that oody after the holidays. Just so soon as he is relieved Mr. Smith will go to his home and resume his former work as editor of the Philadelphia Press.

The first official information of the first impending change in the cabinet of the new administration was made to the cabinet yes terday afternoon, with the agreement that nothing should be said until the matter was announced. There was deep gret at the announcement, and the President paid an impressive tribute to the ser vices and personality of the retiring offi-President said he had tried to finduce Mr. Smith to alter his determination, but had been unable to do so. The Formal Letter.

Mr. Smith first announced to the President the latter part of last month that he had decided to return to his editorial dutles. The President at that time urged him to remain. Mr. Smith, however, had been frequently reminded by his business associates of the editorial duties devolving upon him and was anxious to return to them. He had several talks with President Roosevelt on the subject and finally, on Saturday aftermoon last, formally tendered to the President the following letter of resignation WASHINGTON, December 14, 1901. My Dear Mr. President:

Following my verbal communication of some time ago, I beg to tender my resig-nation of the office of Postmaster General, the appointment and qualification of my This step is taken in fulfillment of a

pian long since formed, for purely personal reasons, the execution of which has been delayed until it could be carried out with out embarassing your declared policy, and until department measures in which I am deeply interested could be satisfactorily ad-

"In laying down the trust committed to my hands I want to thank you most sincerely for the confidence you have reposed in me, and for the great pleasure I have found in an association which has deepened my esteem for you personally and my admiration for the spirit and aims of your admin-With my best wishes that you may have

the largest measure of success, I remain,
"Faithfully yours.
(Signed) "CH. EMORY SMITH." To the President."

#### Mr. Payne His Successor.

Mr. Smith, by request of the President, delayed the formal tender of his resignation until the President had chosen his suc tending the meeting of the McKinley Memorial Association, and when at the White House was tendered the position. He has the accented Mr Payne is now at his in Wisconsin. He is vice chairman of the republican national committee and was freely spoken of for a cabinet posi tion under President McKinley, Had Mr. in the cabinet before the end of the ad-

Mr. Smith has been Postmaster General since April 21, 1838, succeeding James A. Gary of Maryland virtually at the outset of the Spanish war. Mr. Gary had been one of President McKinley's original cabinet appointees, but felt himself physically unable to bear the strain of cabinet duties during the war.

#### Mr. Smith's Statement. Postmaster General Smith, in an inter-

view last night, speke as follows about his

"As indicated in my letter of resignation this step has been taken in conformity with a plan formed many months ago. I communicated my purpose to the President last month, with the accompanying statement that I wished to consult his convenience as to the time when I should go out. The President was exceedingly gracious and strongly urged me to stay, but finally accepted my reasons as conclusive of my duty to myself. My relations with the President have been of the most cordial character, and have strengthened as we have worked together. We have been in thorough accord in all matters of policy.

I have formed the highest estimate of his lofty and patriotic standard of administration, and it has been a great pleasure to co-operate with him. My resignation has delayed beyond my original purpose to consult the President's wishes and not to embarrass his declared policy as to his cabinet, and, second, to carry forward epartment policies in which I am greatly nterested to a point where their success is

by ability, experience and knowledge of public affairs, is admirably fitted for the place, and I am glad to surrender the trust such excellent hands. I return to active journalism with a feeling of great sat-

## Conferred With the President.

Postmaster General Smith had a long conference today with the President, presumably regarding men and matters in his department. Among the numerous White House callers today there were many sincere expressions of regret on the retirement of Mr. Smith, but there was likewise universal approval of the choice of a succes-The President was genuinely heartily congratulated by nearly all his callers on the choice of Mr. Payne. Senator Scott. Senator McComas. Senator Proctor and a large number of others pro-nounced the selection of Mr. Payne as one of the most satisfactory acts of the Presi-

## A Worthy Successor.

Senator Thomas Kearns, speaking of the appointment, said: "Henry C. Payne will make a worthy sucessor to Charles Emory Smith, whose masterly administration of the Post Office Lepartment is known to every one. As vice chairman of the national republican committee Mr. Payne was brought in contact with the politicians of the country, and we of the west were not slow in recognizing his great ability as an organizer and inti-mate acquaintance with the party needs. Personally he is a prince, kind, considerate and ever willing to help a friend. Ils prominence in politics is no less important than his position as a business man. He brings to the Post Office Department a wide petent and efficient director of one of the

Earthquakes were felt recently in the province of Catania, Sicily, and in the southern Italian provinces of Calabria and

## BECOMES CONSCIOUS

Mrs. Dennis Reported to Have Recovered From Stuper.

QUESTIONED FOR OVER HALF AN HOUR

Makes No Disclosures Which Will Justify an Arrest.

#### IN DYING CONDITION

The physicians who are attending Mrs Ada Gilbert Dennis, the victim of the murderous assault committed a week ago Tuesday morning, are of the opinion that she will not live until tomorrow. She had a sinking spell about 6 o'clock this morning and Dr. Atkinson was summoned to the nospital long before the regular hour for holding the consultation. Drs. J. Ford Thompson and A. B. Hooe reached the hespital shortly before 11 o'clock and found the patient practically in a dying condition. A saline solution was infused and Mrs. Dennis was soon restored to consciousness She was perfectly rational, and for more than half an hour the physicians discussed with her the question of the assault. When her condition was such that she was readily able to understand what was said to her and give sensible responses the doctors summoned Detective Edward Horne to the room, and he heard what she had to say. "Who struck you with the piano stool?" was one of the important questions asked

the supposed dying woman, and her answer was: "I don't remember." Another time she responded: "I don't know."

Mrs. Dennis explained to those about her that the doors to the double parlor which she occupied were unlocked the night be fore she was assaulted. One or more of her roomers visited her that night to settle the question of room rent. Her answers to questions were in a tone indicating that she readily understood the whole situation. She said when she retired that night she left the drop light burning.

While many questions were propounded and some were repeated, the patient, it is stated, said nothing which would justify the detectives in making an arrest.

#### The Officers Confer.

The consultation and work of the physicians today occupied much more time than usual, and when the doctors had left the hospital Detective Horne hurrled to police headquarters and reported what had occurred to Captain Boardman. Major Sylvester was sent for, and after he had been told of what had occurred at the hospital the detective and Captain Boardman left the office together.

At the hospital last night the patient

seemed to rest well, but about the break of day there came a serious change in her condition. Her pulse gradually grew weaker, and when Dr. Atkinson learned of it he telephoned Captain Boardman that end was not far off. Detectives Horne, McNamee and Hartigan were at the hospital early in the morning and two of them remained after the departure of Deective Horne.

They had an idea that the patient might recall the scene enacted in her room and could throw some light on the affair. Every physician who visited the sick room told the same story of the patient's relapse. She railied after the infusion of the saline solution, as already stated, and when the doctors left her bedside she was fully conscious of her surroundings, although she probably did not realize that her life was hanging by so slender a thread.

As early as 7:30 o'clock this morning Miss most intimate friend, called at the hospital to inquire about her. She stated that she had felt uneasy about the case this morning and fearing her friend was worse had hurried to the hospital before going to work. Her fears, she was told, were well founded. Mrs. Kate Dunn, sister of Mrs. Dennis, called about 11:30 o'clock, and remained at the hospital an hour or more.

Speaking of the case after the consultation had been held, one of the doctors said they were not certain about the extent of the fracture of the woman's skull. It may be that there is a severe fracture about the base of the skull, but the extent of such a fracture will not be known pre eding her death.

## New Phase of the Case.

The statements of Mrs. Dennis made this morning develops an entirely new phase of the case. Her statement that the parlor doors were unlocked when she retired may explain how her assallant entered her apartments. Early in the night, as heretofore stated, the vestibule door was found unlocked by the colored porter, Richard Cole, and it was so unusual a condition that he mentioned it. He had been sent on an errand by his employer, and it was possibly nearly 8 o'clock when he returned with an answer. When he left the house, he says, he closed the door. How it was opened by the woman's assailant has not yet appeared It is apparent, however, that after entering the room the individual who committed the deadly assault locked the door and then

left by way of the window. Nothing has yet developed to indicate to the minds of the detectives that Mrs. Den-nis' assailant entered the house in any manner other than by the door. How the vestibule door was opened, if at all, the de-tectives do not know. It may develop that the intruder entered the house early in the evening, possibly before 8 oclock, and was secreted in some part of the building until everybody had retired and then went to the sleeping room of Mrs. Dennis by passing through the front parlor, locking the door behind him. While the informa-tion obtained from the patient this morning does not clear away the mystery sur-rounding the assault, it gives the detectives some information which will possibly be of the detectives obtaining a clue which will lead to an arrest, although this afternoon

such an event was not anticipated. Shortly before 3 o'clock this afternoon the attendants at the hospital stated that the patient was a trifle weaker than she was at noon, when the attending physicians left the hospital. It was stated that she may live twenty-four hours, but the ast hope of recovery has departed.

The latest symptoms indicate a fracture of the skull much more serious than it was at first supposed. representative of the District attorney's of-fice see Mrs. Dennis this afternoon and, if possible, obtain her ante-mortem state ment. At 3 o'clock her condition was such that the physicians believed she would be

visit should be unduly delayed. Presley's Name Eliminated. The name of Samuel C. Presley, who

committed suicide, has been eliminated from the case. His body was taken to his former home in Louisiana this morning by his brother. Henry Presley, the brother of the dead man, took an active interest in the investigation which followed the sulcide, and rendered the police invaluable as-sistance. From the time he learned that the police were investigating his brother's past until the time of the departure of the train this morning he insisted that his brother could not have committed such a crime. He knew the latter had played the and he knew that he was in the habit of imbibing liquor rather freely at times. Even while he was drinking he was not quarrelsome, he said, and was not of such disposition that he would likely cause rouble. Certainly, his brother thought, he would not be guilty of a murderous assault such as that committed upon Mrs. Dennis. There was nothing about the case of Samuel Presley except the two small stains said to be blood spots found on the over-coat sleeve to indicate that he had been in to the case for the reason that Presley lived in the house adjoining that of Mrs. Dennis, and from the fact that his death Dennis, and from the fact that his death happened so soon after the murderous assault was committed on the woman. In the opinion of the police the blood stains alone indicate nothing. Prof. Hird made a careful examination of all the other garments in the room, but failed to find any traces of blood on them. The alleged suspicious statements of Presley, made when he was under the influence of liquor and in a nervous condition, have also been ex-

plained. A friend who was anxious to see him straighten out warned him that unless he sobered up his conduct would be investigated by the police in connection with the Dennis case. The police, he was told, would probably follow him and cause him much annoyance. It is now believed that this warning worried him, and that he actually believed he was being "shadowed" by Maj. Sylvester's men.

The Officials Anxious.

Both Maj. Sylvester and Capt. Boardman have remained at police headquarters late at night since the assault was committed on Mrs. Dennis, more than a week ago doing all in their power to assist the de-tectives in their efforts to solve the mys-tery. In addition to the office work, Capt. Boardman has visited the scene of the assault and actively participated in the investigation. Both officials, as well as the detectives, have advanced theories in connection with the assault, but yesterday af-ternoon they concluded they were no nearer a solution of the mystery than they were the day the crime was committed. When Maj. Sylvester learned of the affair

in Franklin Park early in the morning, and of other cases which needed attention, he decided to give instructions to the members of the force, through the lieutenants, to redouble their efforts for public protection. His order reads: "Lieutenants will work their full forces,

doing away with section work, and will use their discretion relative to working men in citizens' clothes. We must put a stop to these burglaries and assaults. Suspend drills until further notice. The at-tention of members of the force is invited to the various crimes that are being com-mitted within this jurisdiction just now, and I ask them to maintain their good name by arresting some of the criminals. Good work on the part of any member of the force will be properly recognized." Following the order of Maj. Sylvester the lieutenants sent out many of their men in citizens' clothes last night, or, in other words, made almost every man on duty serve as detective for the time being. It

## VICTIMS OF THE MAINE

is likely that many people hereafter found on the streets after midnight may be called

THEIR CASES BEFORE SPANISH TREATY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

Government's Argument Made by Alexander Porter Morse-Remarks of C. H. Butler.

The Spanish treaty claims commission today heard arguments in support and in opposition to a contention of government counsel that the commission has no jurisdiction, under the Paris treaty, of claims growing out of the sinking of the battle ship Maine. The argument was opened by Alexander Porter Morse of counsel for the government. He was followed by C. H. Butler on behalf of the claimants.

The full commission, Chairman Chandler and Commissioners Woods, Chambers, Maury and Diekemar, heard the argument. The claims are being earnestly pressed by Messrs. Herbert and Micou, Dondley and Michener and Messrs. Harwood, Wells and

The government is attempting to have the claims set aside, and has entered a demurrer, in support of which it submitted to the claim commissioners the following points to be considered in addition to the brief heretofore filed in support of the motion to dismiss. This demurrer is being supported and argued by William E. Fuller and Charles J. Jones, assistant attorney general for the United States, and Alexander Porter Morse and Charles W. Russell.

#### ADMIRAL SAMPSON WEAKER.

Physical Collapse Feared, as He is Gradually Losing Vitality. Although there has been no decided change for the worse in the condition of Rear Admiral Sampson for several days past, it is realized by all cognizant of the cts that he is perceptibly weaker than he was on his arrival in Washington, and that the chances of his recovery are growing less and less with the steady progress of

his disease.

present.

An almost complete physical collapse is feared, as he is gradually losingin strength and vitality. He took a short walk Sunday, but the exertion was almost too much for him, and he has since been confined to his home at 1613 New Hampshire avenue. As an indication of his mental condition it is said that he is not aware of the result of the recent investigation of Admiral Schley's conduct in the West Indian campaign, and that he has no knowledge of steps taken by his friends to protect his interests in the present consideration of that matter by the Secretary of the Navy. It has been deemed best to keep him in ignorance of these matters for the

## DEPARTMENT OF MINES.

Bill to Create One Introduced by Representative Woods.

Representative Woods of California today introduced a bill in the House creating the department of mines and mining. The department is to have a secretary at its head who shall have a seat in the cabinet, also an assistant secretary, and have general jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to mines and mining.

## CASE OF SANTIAGO IGLESAIS.

Labor Leader Arrested in Porto Rico to Be Tried.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, December 18 .-The case of Santiago Iglesias, the labor organizer, awakens interest in government circles. The acting governor, Charles Hartzell, has called Attorney General Harlan's attention to the alleged conspiracy to raise the price of labor, on which charge Iglesias was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Mr. Hartzell says that the matter has caused widespread commont, particularly regarding the nature of the alleged offense, and requests that the government of Porto Rico be quickly advised as to the exact character and scope of the law under which Iglesias was sentenced, in order that proper amendments may be enacted in case of any injustice resulting from the existence of such laws. Mr. Hartzell appeal by the supreme court, so that a final determination may be had, not only of the guilt or innocence of Iglesias and the other defendants, but of the existence or non-existence of the law under which they are charged. He further suggests an appeal for the amendment of the existing laws during the coming session of the legisla-

## Naval Orders.

Lieut. J. R. Morris has been detached from the Wabash and assigned to duty at the Boston navy yard, in charge of the naval recruiting party. Passed Assistant Surgeon E. V. Arm-

strong, from duty with the detachment of marines at Dry Tortugas, Fla., to duty at the Boston navy yard. Assistant Surgeon E. F. Huntington, from

the New York hospital to the Columbia. relieving Assistant Surgeon J. C. Thompson, who is ordered to Dry Tortugas.

Assistant Surgeon F. L. Benton, to the New York hospital. Acting Warrant Machinist W. B. Stork, to the Boston navy yard.

The War Department is informed that Maj. Thomas J. Lloyd, U. S. A., retired, died at Suffern, N. Y., yesterday morning, and that his remains will probably be interred at West Point. Maj. Lloyd was a native of Pennsylvania. He was graduated from the Military Academy in the class of 1865 and assigned to the infantry arm. In May, 1865, he was retired on account of disability incurred in the line of duty.

Capt. Kuhn Here on Leave Capt. J. E. Kuhn, Corps of Engine stationed at the West Point Military Academy, is on a visit to this city on leave of absence. He is at 1836 Jefferson place. Capt, Kuhn was stationed in the office of the chief of engineers before his transfer to West Point, and is well known in this city.

# A LIBERAL MAJORITY ment was made that up to a late hour no additional communications had been re-

Republican "Whip's" Promise Regarding Philippine Tariff.

# SOME BREAKS ON BOTH SIDES

Taking of Vote Fixed for Four O'clock.

#### IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

The "whips" on both sides of the House were actively at work this morning preparing for the vote on the Philippine tariff bill, which is set for 4 p.m. This will be the first division of any importance since the new membership of the House assembled. The republican majority at present is 37, as against 14 in the last House. Representative Tawney, the republican whip, said of the probable result of the vote: "The bill will pass by a liberal majority, although there will be some breaks on both sides. On the republican side we will not lose to exceed eight votes. This loss will be partially compensated by the gain of the Louisiana delegation of six votes. The net result shows that the bill will pass without trouble." The republican members who have an-

nounced opposition to the bill are Represer atives McCall (Mass.), Littlefield (Me.) and Crumpacker (Ind.). The latter is absent and will be paired against the bill if possible, although democratic members are refusing to pair with him owing to his attitude on southern elections. Representative Warner (Ill.) and three republican members of the Minnesota delegation are among the other republicans whose votes are doubtful and may be cast against the bill. Small Attendance in the Galleries.

The attendance in the House galleries at noon did not indicate much public interest in the debate. Mr. Henry (Tex.) was the first speaker. He characterized the bill as oppressive and outrageous. Months instead of two days, he said, would not be too long for the discussion of a measure of vital interest to 10,000,000 people. He dwelt upon the injustice of the double export and import tax on rice, sugar and tobacco, and charged that this double taxation was in the interest of the sugar and tobacco trusts.

Mr. Henry took issue with his Louisiana colleagues as to the effect of free trade with the Philippines upon the sugar industry of Louisiana. He pointed out that Porto Rico last year produced more sugar for export than the Philippines, and denied that free sugar from the islands would threaten the Louisiana industry with annihilation. The benefits from the sale of cotton and rice, he argued, would more than compensate for any inury to the sugar industry.

Mr. Williams (Miss.) followed Mr. Henry. He said that as long as the Philippine archipelago was a part of the United States and within its domain it should be treated as part of the Union, with the same equality and uniformity enjoyed by the other territories. But to avoid the em-barrassments, hardships and difficulties of the situation he believed we should get rid of the islands as soon as we could do so with honor to ourselves and benefit to Supeme Court Criticised.

Mr. Williams paid his respects to the Supreme Court, which, he said, arrived at its decision "by a shifting majority of

one." It decided that the islands were sometimes domestic and sometimes for-It made of the old, inelastic, bound Constitution an instrument that would bend to political necessities. There was no danger, he said, if the country proceeded along its present lines of be-"mother country" for peoples the east. It was more likely to become a "stepmother"

Opposed to Cuban Independence. Mr. Hepburn (Iowa) followed Mr. Williams. He supported the bill. He said the democrats offered nothing in the way of a bin to aprove the present measure. He declared the Filipinos were incapable of self-government, and in reply to a question by Mr. Shafroth as to the capability of the Cubans, said they also were not fit for self-government. He said the democratic party forced the administration into a position where it was compelled to declare for the independence of Cuba.

This was greeted with democratic applause.

"You may applaud," said Mr. Hepburn.

"but the time is not distant when you will acknowledge the unwisdom of giving Cuba independence." (Republican applause.)

## THE SENATE.

After the transaction of routine business in the Senate today Mr. Platt (Conn.), offered a resolution suspending the rule providing for the appointment of members of the various Senate committees by ballot. The resolution was adopted. Mr. Platt then submitted another resolution appointing, formally, the committees for the fiftyseventh Congress. The names of the members of the committees have already been published.

It was adopted. A bill authorizing the construction of a railroad bridge across the Arkansas river, near Fort Gibson, Indian territory, was passed. At 12:45 the Senate, on motion of Mr.

Hale (Me.), went into executive session. The Senate at 2:30 p.m. adjourned.

## MORE CALVARY FOR CHAFFEE

SAID TO BE NEEDED FOR RAIDS IN THE INTERIOR.

#### Not Admitted at War Department-Views of a General Officer Writing From Philippines

Although not admitted at the War Department, it is understood that General Chaffee has notified the department that he needs more cavalry troops for the execution of the military plan adopted for the complete restoration of peace and order in the Philippines. It is said that cav-alrymen are needed especially for rapid operations in the interior of the islands, where the spirit of insurrection is still manifest, especially in Samar, where the recent disaster to the 9th Infantry occurred. A general officer in the islands in a private letter to a friend in this city expressed the belief that an army of at least 50,000 men will be required in the Philippines for five years honger.

Although no orders have yet been issued

it is understood that the department is considering the advisability of sending the considering the advisability of sending the 12th Regiment of Cavalry to the Philip-plnes, in addition to troops previously or-dered to relieve home-coming soldiers. The 12th Cavalry is now stationed in the Department of the Texas. If more cavalry is needed it is probable that the 13th and 14th Regiments, now stationed in the west, will be drawn upon.

Two general officers must be provided for to assist General Chaffee in his military operations to take the places of Generals Hughes and Funston, who are coming home. It was stated at the War Department today as a probability that this requirement may be met by the promotion of two colonels now in the field and their assignment to brigade commands.

SAMPSON-SCHLEY CONTROVERSY.

There were no developments in the Samp son-Schley controversy today, so far as the Navy Department is concerned. The state-

ceived from the court, of inquiry or from either Admiral Sampson or Admiral Schley, of from the counsel of either. The objections which the counsel of Admiral Sampson have received permission to file against the approval of Admiral Dewey's supplemental report and the objections which the counsel for Admiral Schley have received permission to file against the approval of the main report of the court are now in course of full preparation.

Admiral Schley's counsel completed their

Admiral Schley's counsel completed their work today and have arranged to submit it to Secretary Long this afternoon. The counsel of Admiral Sampson are at work in New York city, and it is understood that Mr. Stayton, the senior member of the firm, will come to Washington by the night train and hand the Secretary a paper expressing their wishes in the matter tomorpressing their wishes in the matter tomorrow morning. It is expected that Secretary Long will make public the papers submi..ed by both sides, but it is hardly probable that he will be able to conclude his con-sideration of them so as to take final action on the report of the court before the close of the week.

Sampson's Lawyers Prepare Brief. A dispatch from New York yesterday says: Stayton & Campbell, attorneys for Rear Admiral Sampson, are drawing up a formal protest against the finding of Admirl Dewey. Mr. Campbell said today:

"We are preparing a brief and have until Thursday afternoon to file it. It is based upon the record of the court. Three times, in behalf of Admiral Sampson, there was a tender of evidence to show who was in command at the battle of Santiago. The court ruled that such testimony was inadmissable and the question mony was inadmissable and the question was not gone into. As a matter of fact, Rear Admiral Sampson's flag was never down at Santiago, and he was in command of the squadron. The question of command at Santiago has already been passed upon by the court of claims, which awarded that honor to Rear Admiral

## BUSHROD ROBINSON DEAD

PROMINENT IN BUSINESS CIRCLES FOR HALF A CENTURY.

Lived Retired Life in His Later Years -Death Results From Bright's Disease.

Bushrod Robinson, one of Washington's oldest citizens and well-known business men, died this morning at 10 o'clock at his residence, 1809 19th street northwest. Mr. Robinson was seventy-two years of age. He had been in poor health for the past year, suffering from Bright's disease, but a decided change for the worse took place last Wednesday, and he had been slowly sinking ever since. At an early hour this morning the members of his family were called to the bedside, and remained there until the end came.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife and one son. He had lived in Washington all his life, and for over fifty years was one of the city's most prominent business men. While he was yet a boy he was a candidate for the place of Senate page, but his outspoken opinion against the administration then in power kept him out of the position. Later on he was appointed to a position in the Senate post office, which he held for

several years. Back in the forties Robin-son & Wall opened a clothing store on Pennsylvania avenue between 9th and 10th streets, and this business was carried on for many years. Later on Robinson, Par-ker & Co. was the firm's name, and then Robinson & Chery. In the latter firm Mr. Robinson had his last active business experience, and when the firm was dis-solved he retired to look after his interests in the many corporations of which he was a stockholder. Mr. Robinson was a prominent member of the Board of Trade, and a director in several insurance companies and banks.

Attended Tyler's Funeral. through his prolonged illness, Mr. Robinson's mind always remained clear, and he frequently referred to the early days of his life, when the capital city was little more than a struggling town. But a few weeks ago, during a conversation relating to the ldest citizens of Washington, Mr. Robinson said he believed he was the only person then living who had attended the funeral of President Tyler. He was a strip of then, he said, but the experience was indelibly imprinted upon his mind.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at

2 o'clock from the family residence. To Increase Letter Carriers' Pay. Representative Foster of Vermont has introduced a bill in the House to increase the pay of letter carriers. It provides that all letter carriers who have served as regular carriers for a period of three years or over

shall receive \$1,200 per year; those who have served for two years or over shall rereive \$1,000, and one year or over, \$800. A minimum salary of \$600 is provided for. The bill also provides a scale of salaries for To Extend a National Cemetery

A bill appropriating \$1,500 for the extension of the Loudoun Park National cemetery, near Baltimore, has been introduced in the House by Mr. Schirm.

The Navy Department has been informed that the collier Alexander, which left San Juan, Porto Rico, Sunday for Montevideo,

has been obliged to put back to the former port because of a derangement to her feed pumps, which will be temporarily repaired at San Juan. The Alexander carries coal to stock the depot at Honolulu, and has a long voyage before her, down the Atlantic of South America, through the Straits of Magellan, and then across the Pacific to The department has also been informed of the arrival of the gunboat Machias, which was recently relieved from duty at

coal there and then proceed northward.

and Massachusetts, of the north Atlantic squadron, at Havana yesterday. To Join the Atlantic Squadron. The Navy Department announces that the battle ship Indiana, which is now servng as a training ship for naval cadets, will join the North Atlantic squadron February 18 next, after taking on coal at Santa Lucia. The Indiana will remain with the squadron until April 18, when she will pro-

#### Building Permits Issued. Building permits have been issued as fol-

eed to Hampton Roads.

Middaugh & Shannon, to build eight two story and cellar brick dwellings at 1737 to 1747 1st street and 80 to 82 S street northwest: cost. \$24,000. Mrs. Sarah Berens, to build three-story

brick store and dwelling 824 7th street southwest; cost, \$12,000. Emma J. Peters, to build a two-story frame dwelling on Benning road, near Cen-

tral avenue; cost, \$600.

The Brennan Construction Company, to remove present brick building and replace with frame shed at 3056 K street northwest; cost, \$1,500.

John H. Brooks, to make repairs to 927 18th street northwest; cost, \$60.

F. P. Nash, repairs to 2256 8th street northwest; cost, \$75.

John Henry Bruseke, a kiln-burner, fifty even years old, died suddenly at his home, 2242 Brightwood avenue northwest, yester-day morning. He was found lying on the

floor of the cellar unconscious and unable to speak. He was carried to the main floor of the house, where he expired before a physician responded to a call.

Coroner Nevitt viewed the body and deemed an inquest unnecessary. The deceased worked in the kiln at Terra Cotta until his health failed him, and then he obtained lighter employment in the city. He had been complaining of being sick, but had not remained home from work.

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FINANCE AND TRADE

Better Prices in Stocks Caused by Easier Money.

SHORTS FORCED TO COVER

Amalgamated Copper Continues to Be in Disfavor.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, December 18.-Trading in today's stock market reflected an improved tone and prices were advanced in nearly all parts of the list. London sent over a higher range of prices and there was some buying credited to that center, but not in volume sufficient to influence the local mar-

An easier tone in the money market was mainly responsible for the advance in prices, but a considerable demand was credited to the short interest.

The buying by representatives of banking Interests yesterday was taken to indicate a more cheerful outlook for the call money market, and traders covered freely in consequence. This covering movement forced a sharp rally in the active issues, but in conservative commission house circles it was said that there had been no radical change in underlying conditions. The effort to hold the market steady is meeting with some success and there is little desire for

The banking interests are said to be pre paring for an aggressive movement early in the new year and some of the present buying is part of that plan. There is no public interest as yet and professional trading re-flects an indecision which suggests considerable irregularity in the near future. The buying of Union and South Pacific

was one of the features of today's market, both stocks rallying easily under orders credited to inside interests.

The long-delayed report of the firstnamed property is said to show splendid earnings, and the advance is a reflection of this exhibit. Southern Pacific is doing well in the matter of earnings, and predic tions are made that it will sell materially higher under the prospect of early dividends. The buying of Southern common and preferred was called good, but there

was some profit taking at the advance, which forced a reaction. St. Paul, Atchison and the Gould group reflected a mixed demand which kept prices strong during the first half of the day. The announcement that Amalgamated Copper interests had changed front and had cov-ered recent sales was reflected in a more normal market for those shares, but there vas no material advance in price.

The United Metals Selling Company post-ed notice of a further reduction in numerous grades of copper, and the trade predicts a further decline before the exact status of before the exact status of production and demand is shown. The divilend action should be taken tomorrow and some market demonstration is likely. A circular in defense of the Amalgamated Company was given out during the day, but had little effect. The paternal attitude of Mr. John D

The paternal attitude of Mr. John D. Rockefeller was not regarded seriously in the street, since the waywardness was rebuked too long after the original offense. There was good buying of American Smelting in spite of the lower prices for lead, and the Steel stocks reflected a good margarder. ket at going prices. Manhattan was sold down rather sharply during the afternoon, and the entire traction group regular. With the exception of the money market there is little that is unfavorable in the routine condition of the street. Dullness is to be expected until January less urgent demand for money come to the relief of the situation.

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

New York Stock Market. Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1419 F st., members New York stock exchange, Washington sto change and Chicago board of trade. stock ex-

Amalgamated Copper... 62 2914 8514 2714 44 9614 12014 7714 9914 10176 631/ Am. Car & Foundry ..... Am. Car & Foundry,pfd American Ice..... American Smelting. Amer Smelting. pfd ..... 96% 121% 30% 78% 99% 102 95% 68 American Sugai..... Attehson, Top. & S. Fe... Atch., Top. & S. Fe, pfd... Baltimore & Ohio...... Baltimore & Ohio. pfd... Brooklyn Rap. Transit... (anadian Pacific...... hirago & Alton .... Chicago, Mil. a St. Paul 1624 Chicago, Rock I. a P..... 151 Erie common..... Erie, 1st pfd... Erie 2d pfd... General Electric... Illinois Central. ouisville & Nashyille ... Manhattan Elevated ..... Metropolitan St. Ry..... Mo., K. and T., pfd. 1661/ New York Central...

N. Y., Ontario & West.... Norfolk and Western.... Northern Pacific, pfd.... Pacific Mail Steamship... Pennsylvania R R..... People's Gas of Chicago Pressed Steel Car ..... Reading. Republic Steel & Iron... Rubber Goods..... St L and S Francisco... St. L. and S. Fran,2d pfd St. Louis Southwestern... St Louis S. W., pfd...... bouthern Pacific......

Southern Railway. outhern Railway, pfd. Colon, at San Juan, Porto Rico. She will Union l'acific, pfd..... The Navy Department has been informed of the arrival of the battle ships Alabama J. S. Steel, pfd. abash, pfd.....

> Visconsin (entral. Washington Stock Exchange. Sales—regular call, 12 o'clock m.—District of Columbia 3.65s, 50 at 1254. Columbia Railroad 5s 500 at 105%. Columbia Fire Ins. Co., 100 at 10%

Miscellaneous Bonds—Capital Traction 4s, bid, 106% asked. Metropolitan Railroad 5 bid. Metropolitan Railroad Cert. Indebt., A, bid, 106% asked. Metropolitan Railroad Ce debt., B, 105% bid, 106% asked. Columbia road 6s, 117 bid, 120 asked. Columbia Railro mort. 5s, 105 bid. 120 asked. Columbia Railroad
mort. 5s, 105 bid. 120 asked. Columbia Railroad
6s, series A, 110 bid. 108 asked. Washington G
6s, series B, 110 bid. U. S. Electric Light Deb.
6s, 103% bid. U. S. Electric Light Cert. Indeb.
104½ bid. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone
106 bid, 107 asked. American Security
4s, 100 bid. Washington Marketter Security
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Grain, Provision and Cotton Markets CHICAGO, December 18.-Gra Pork—Jan. 18.30 16.30 16.30 May 16.80 16.85 16.85 Lard—Jan. 9.87 9.90 9.90 Ribs—Jan. 8.45 8.45 8.45 May 8.62 8.65 NEW YORK, December 18.—Cotton January. 8.16 8.17 March. 8.20 8.22 May 8.22 8.23 Government Bonds 2 per cents, registered.
2 per cents, coupon.
3 per cents, registered, 1908-1928.
3 per cents, coupon, 1908-1928.
4 per cents, registered, 1907.
4 per cents, coupon, 1907.
4 per cents, registered, 1925.
5 per cents, coupon, 1925.
5 per cents, registered, 1904.
6 per cents, coupon, 1904.

SCHLEY FILES PROTEST

His Objections to the Findings of the Court. Late this afternoon Admiral Schley.

through his counsel, filed with the Secretary of the Navy his bill of exceptions to the majority findings of the court of inquiry. He objects to the approval of the findings of the court upon the ground that the opinion rendered and the report of facts made by the majority of the court are in conflict with the overwhelming weight of evidence, and that the majority of the court in their said opinion have ignored the testimony of the applicant, and of the whole of the applicant's witnesses, and all that portion of the evidence given by witnesses for the government which was favorable to the applicant, and have thus deprived him of rights guaranteed to him by the laws of the land and the Co stitution of the United States.

#### PLUCKY WOMAN CLERK.

Defends Employer's Office Against Attack of Robber. YOUNGSTOWN, Ohlo, December 18 .- A stranger entered the office of Justice Webb

today and finding the clerk, Miss Clementine Hamilton, alone, demanded that she open the safe, which contained \$2,000. Upon her refusal, he attempted to strangle her, saying: "If you don't open the safe I'll

Miss Hamilton succeeded in breaking away and securing a revolver, fired point blank at the fellow, who ran from the office and escaped. It was not thought he was wounded.

BIG THEFT OF STOCKS. Boston Brokerage Firm Robbed of

\$33,000 in Certificates. BOSTON, December 18.-There was a stir on State street today when it was announced that certificates of stock aggregating above \$33,000 in value were stolen from the office of a prominent brokerage firm last September. The name of the firm and the circumstances are not made known. The fact had been kept secret until now, in the hope of recovering the certificates through private channels

FREEZING WEATHER IN FLORIDA Cold Wave in South Extends Almost to Tampa.

ATLANTA, Ga., December 18.-The cold wave which broke December records last Monday equaled them in many places last night and forced the line of freezing temperature nearly as far south as Tampa, a. Although the weather is moderate tonight, weather conditions indicate that the relief will be but temporary. The following minimum temperatures were reported to the weather bureau today Nashville, 6; Memphis, 6; Atlanta, 9; Fort Smith and Knoxville, 10; Meridian, Miss., 12; Montgomery, 14; Macon and Charlotte, 16; Augusta, 18; Savannah, Charleston and

Wilmington, 22; Jacksonville, 26. MUST SERVE POOL ROOMS.

Decision of Kentucky Court Regard. ing Telegraph Companies. FRANKFORT, Ky., December 18.-The Kentucky court of appeals today ruled that a telegraph company, as a common carrier cannot be indicted for or restrained from furnishing information concerning races to pool rooms. The decision was rendered in

TOBACCO TRUST INVADES EUROPE. President Buying Factories in Ger

Western Union Telegraph Company at

many and Russin. BERLIN, December 18.-The Kleines Journal says President Duke of the American Tobacco Company has acquired the Jasmatzi Cigarette Company of Dresden and the factory of Kyriazi Bros. of Berlin Two other Dresden concerns-La Ferme and Sulima-will be amalgamated, and will then be absorbed by the American Tobacco Mr. Duke, who has been spending several days in Berlin, has gone to St. Petersburg

for the purpose of buying cigarette facto

Mr. Andrew Carnegie who was seen by

White House, said that there would be no trouble about his \$10,000,000 gift-the matter would come out all right. He refused to say anything further. Personal Mention. Judge George U. Holcomb of California is in the city for a few days, and is stopping

Star reporter today as he was leaving the

Miss Potter and maid are booked to sal for Europe on the St. Louis, which will eave New York tomorrow. Government Receipts. Government receipts from internal rev

at the Colonial with his friend, Alfred P

enue today were "590,963; customs, \$1,100,-622; miscellaneous, \$20,059; expenditures, \$1,640,000. Woman Slightly Burned. Mrs. Thomas Godfrey of 532 21st street was slightly burned this morning about the

face and hands by the explosion of an oil Wife Asks for Divorce

On the ground of alleged cruel and inhuman treatment and desertion, Celestine Waters this afternoon petitioned the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to

Naval Deficiency Estimates Secretary Long has sent to Congress na val deficiency estimates aggregating \$5,000. 000, of which \$4,000,000 is a deficiency

rard and ordered to the command of the gunbeat Concord, relieving Commander Blocklinger, who will proceed to his ho Chief Crowninshield's Succe Rear Admiral Henry C. Taylor, who is

Secretary Long about matters with the administration of the buwhich he is to assume charge.

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sed Admiral Crowninshield as chief